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Parent / Carers of Year 7 Students

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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 English and Maths Exams

I am writing to inform you that Year 7 students will be sitting a Maths exam on **Friday 15th December** and an English exam on **Monday 18th December**. The purpose of these exams is for students to have an opportunity to demonstrate the skills and concepts they have learnt since September, and practise the revision techniques needed to prepare for important exams.

Students should begin to revise for these exams immediately, as the more revision and preparation they can do in advance, the better prepared they will be. They should have a structured revision timetable displayed at home to help them focus, and should use the table overleaf to ensure they are studying the correct topics. **SAM Learning** and **MathsWatch** are very useful tools and students have login details as required.

All examinations will be taken under strict exam conditions. Students must observe silence and are not permitted to take out any drawing or reading material during the exams. The consequences of not following the rules of the examinations are that students will sit a Saturday detention on the first incidence and any further breach of exam conditions will lead to an internal exclusion. It is important students understand how to behave during exam conditions as at GCSE level the consequences are much more serious. At GCSE students can be barred from taking any further examinations or receiving qualifications from any Examination Board in England and Wales.

I wish all Year 7 students well with their revision and examinations and thank you for your continued support, ensuring the best outcomes for our students. Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me, via the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mr A. Booth
Year 7 Progress and Standards Leader

Year 7 Examination Topics

Subject	Date of Exam	Topics to revise
Maths	Friday 15 th December 2017 (pm)r	<p>Mrs Wilding, Mrs White and Miss Towler's groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyday money problems • Place value • Positive and negative whole numbers • Decimals • Estimate calculations in order spot possible errors • Rounding numbers • Long and short multiplication • Long and short division <p>Ms Benn, Mr Edwards, Miss Harrison, Mrs Hills, Mr Kersey, Mr Mitchell's groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive and negative whole numbers • Decimals • Estimate calculations in order spot possible errors • Rounding numbers • Long and short multiplication • Long and short division • Multiply by 10, 100, 1000 • Perimeter, area and volume • Sequences. <p>Any concerns or questions, please contact Mrs Watson.</p>
English	Monday 18 th December 2017 (pm)	<p>Over the course of the next three weeks, students will be studying a number of poems in lessons that they can compare in an essay. The choice will be up to the teacher but may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chimney Sweeper / Block City • Island Man / Blessing • If We Must Die / The Right Word <p>The poems have been paired and students should revise these poems together.</p> <p>To revise, students could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create comparison grids for each pair of poems • Create posters for each poem with the main ideas and key quotations • Make flashcards for the key quotations in each poem with their annotations • Practice writing about each poem in a PEE style • Make bullet point notes / mindmaps about each poem <p>Any concerns or questions, please contact Mrs Fennelly.</p>